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Civic League.

The Womens' Civic League met in the Monte Vista building on March 17th. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. R. D. Morrison was made secretary pro tem.

The annual report of the Treasurer was not complete but a general idea of the finances of the League was given by Mrs. Knight. The annual report of the President was read by Mrs. Irvine. This, together with the Treasurer's report, appear below.

A suggestion relative to the small booklet of Big Stone Gap views, which the League formerly kept on sale, was followed by the appointment of a committee composed of Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Alsvor and Miss Elliot to look into the probable cost of duplicating these booklets for future sale.

Baby week in Richmond, was described by Mrs. Irvine in a very interesting manner. An open discussion of the question of a visiting nurse for the school resulted in a decision to put the matter before the church societies to determine whether they will be willing to subscribe a stated amount toward salary of said nurse. As representative members were present from all the societies, these were asked to put the matter before their respective societies and they agreed to do so.

It was decided, after an open discussion, to have a ten every three months, beginning at Mrs. Knight's some time in April.

Report of the President.

At the conclusion of the Sixth Year of our organization, I desire to sum up briefly what has been accomplished by the League as a whole during this last year. We always feel at the end of a year that we might have accomplished more, if we had worked harder, and yet in looking over what has been done, there is no need for discouragement in the closing of our 1915-16 year work. The splendid work done by the cemetery committee with the invaluable aid of Mr. Creed Blanton and the handsome appropriations from the previous and present Town Council, in building the road in the cemetery, speaks for itself. Also the work of the cemetery committee in cleaning up, cutting down brush and planting flower beds is an inspiration for further work. The League also had water brought into the Cemetery, and two hydrants placed there, costing \$61.00, for the benefit of those who wish to grow and place flowers in their sections.

The work accomplished by Clean Up Day was most satisfactory. Last May the League undertook to look after the entire residential portion of town, if the Mayor would undertake the business section. Circulars were printed and circulated in advance, so that all householders might be ready. Three days of unbroken labor were required to remove the accumulation of trash by wagons to the city dumps at an expenditure of \$44.00 to the League, and the town never had a more thorough cleaning up. The committee on School Yard has done fine work in planting and keeping the flower beds, the League buying seeds for this purpose. Also the monthly visiting Committee to the School house has kept the League in close touch with this very vital factor in our town life. The League bought and presented to the school, at the expenditure of \$6.75, a rubber hose for cleaning the basement play rooms.

The Tree Committee replaced all missing trees on the Avenues formerly planted by the League, also the town kept its bargain of keeping the same boxed. For lack of funds, we were unable to plant a new avenue, but our most public spirited citizens beyond the V. & S. W. appealed to us for help in the setting out of their avenue, which we gladly voted to do, but so energetic were they, that they required very little aid from us.

There have been various Committees from time to time, for the purpose of raising funds for our depleted Treasury, which went down to a balance of .01 at one time. These Committees gave a St. Patrick's party last March which raised a good sum, helped to present Damon and Pythias at the Amazez, which you will remember was not a financial success, but through the courtesy of Mr. James Taylor, it did not cause a deficit; presented Living Pictures with the Picture Show and realized \$22.80 therefrom; gave a successful Silver Tea at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Wolfe; and realized some profit from the Chrysanthemum Show.

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perience, to be more successful. Our Corresponding Secretary has communicated to various times on the subject of Public Health and sanitation with the Town Council, School Board, Board of Health, and State Board of Public Health.

Our League has taken a very active interest in the creation of the office of a county "all time" Health Officer. We had a called meeting of the League with Drs. Williams and Broadfield of the State Board of Health, and on both occasions got up signed petitions of citizens for presentation before the County Board of Supervisors, urging the creation of this Public Health Officer for the County.

We have been honored in having our Mayor and two Drs. of our local Board of Health attend our meetings, furthering the spirit of co-operation and fellowship for working for the good of our town.

The spirit of our work is still spreading. Pennington Gap has recently applied to us for help in organizing a Civic League there. We again paid our annual dues to the State Federation of Womens' Clubs and I recommend that this be continued, as in a small way it keeps us in touch with the great field of work outside.

We received a telegram from Jane Adams, asking the League to send a wire to President Wilson, asking for a favorable reception to the National Committee of Womens' Clubs, seeking to enforce Peace, which request was promptly complied with.

As the Victrola at the High School had never been fully paid for, the League thought it not unfitting to take \$15.00 from the account of the Junior League lying idle in the bank, and make the last payment due on the victrola, for the benefit of the school children.

The account of our years work would not be complete without noting the share that the League had in the very successful Community Christmas Tree celebration.

In closing we must again express our appreciation to the Town Council for their handsome appropriation, and the confidence they have shown in us, and our work, by handling over so large a sum to us to use in our work for the health, betterment, beautifying, and general advancement of our Town.

Also we would like to thank the gentleman of the order of Odd Fellows for the use of their Hall for our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. T. Irvine,
President.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS	
In Bank March 1st, 1915	\$ 34.74
St. Patrick's Day Party	67.50
Mrs. H. E. Rhoads	2.00
Mrs. R. T. Irvine	10.00
Realized from Picture Show	22.20
Realized from Chrysanthemum Sale	17.90
Contributed by Town Council	250.00
Kelly Drug Co., Album Sale	8.05
Colonial Tea	30.94
Wine Printing Co., Album Sale	1.00
	\$114.09
DISBURSEMENTS	
Hamilton Brothers, rubber hose	6.75
Goodloe Brothers, hauling, clean up day	18.55
Planting trees	2.40
Chrysanthemum plants	8.00
Flower plants for Cemetery	5.45
Floer Seed and planting shade trees	3.95
Circulars for Clean up day	1.50
Hamilton Brothers, flower seed	1.00
Dues to the State League	3.00
W. G. Coultas, Plumbing in Cemetery	61.00
Clean up work in Cemetery	10.55
Making drive way in Cemetery	241.95
Mrs. R. T. Irvine, cash advanced	10.00
Printing and stationery	2.58
Colonial Tea, expenses	1.25
	\$402.06
Balance in Bank March 17th, 1916	\$51.43

Mrs. G. N. Knight,
Treasurer.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Mrs. J. L. McCormick, President.
Mrs. R. T. Irvine, 1st vice President.
Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, 2nd vice President.
Mrs. A. J. Wolfe, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Mayo Cabell, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. G. N. Knight, Treasurer with Miss Bickley as assistant.

The following chairmen of committees were named:
Press Committee—Mrs. R. B. Alsvor.

Cemetery Committee—Mrs. M. R. McCormick.
Membership Committee—Mrs. D. B. Sayers.

Finance Committee—Mrs. E. E. Goodloe.
Cleaning Up Committee—Mrs. R. B. Alsvor.

School Yard Committee—Scout Master Alfriend and Scouts.

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CO-OPERATION FOR BETTER HEALTH.

No progressive movement, which has for its object the betterment of mankind, can succeed without co-operation of the people. The same is true of any work whose object is the improvement of the people's health. The best trained expert in health matters, the various boards of health, the medical societies, and the physicians, either singly or combined, cannot bring good health to the people; nor will the mere asking for it on the people's part give it. Dollars alone will not buy it. Any health movement I care not if it have a band of trained experts at its head and receive the support of the various health organizations and physicians of the country, will in the end be a miserable failure unless the people give their co-operation; and its success will be measured by the amount of co-operation it receives. It is true that Public Health is purchasable and much disease can be prevented by spending a few paltry dollars, but the expenditure of money must be accompanied by good common sense and the willingness of all the people to assist in the work, if much benefit is to be received.

The splendid work accomplished by the Community Health Work during the past two months in this county has been made possible only by the co-operation of the people in the communities in which the work was undertaken. Up to the present time a large number of sanitary privies have been constructed, making it possible to get rid of many of the filth borne diseases. Over five hundred persons have been examined and over seventy per cent of them found infected with one or more intestinal parasites. The work is progressing well in communities of Crab Orchard and West Norton and has almost been completed at East Stone Gap. It is hoped that the people will render the same assistance in the future as in the past, so that the work will accomplish the greatest good possible.

The Health Office at West Norton (Dooley) will be open from 3:30 p. m. Fridays to 11:30 a. m. Tuesdays, and at Crab Orchard on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week.

WM. S. KEISTER,
Community Health Officer.

WISE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST.

Will Open April 8th With Appalachia at Big Stone Gap.

The annual high school contests for Wise County in baseball and volleyball will open Saturday, April 8th, with Appalachia playing at Big Stone Gap, East Stone Gap at Norton, and Wise at Coeburn.

The game here is being looked forward to with much interest. The local team have been practicing hard for the past several days, and are now anxiously waiting for the opening event. It has been stated that Appalachia has been practicing equally as hard and expect to be a strong factor for the championship. Everyone attending these games can be assured of their money's worth.

Big Damage Suit is Compromised.

Gate City, Va., March 22.—The suit for damages of Mrs. Lee N. McConnell against the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway Company, in the circuit court of Scott county, was compromised this week. Mrs. McConnell is to be paid one thousand dollars. In November, 1914, a train on the road frightened Mr. McConnell's team, which he was driving, causing it to run away. He was thrown from the wagon and so seriously injured that he died within a few hours. His widow instituted suit for \$10,000. Her attorneys were L. J. Cox, Birmingham, Ala., and W. S. Cox, Gate City. The attorneys for the defense were S. H. Bond, of Gate City; A. K. Morison and W. R. Robertson, of Big Stone Gap.

Radford Normal Notes.

Dr. J. Hopwood, President of Milligan College, spent Monday and Tuesday at the Normal School, adding a reunion of the Milligan College students in this section and spoke to the students of the Normal School and of the city High School. Dr. Hopwood has had a distinguished career as an educator, having been active in educational work for more than forty years. After establishing Virginia Christian College at Lynchburg he has returned to Milligan College, Tennessee, as its President. He established that institution about forty years ago and has been its President a greater part of the time since its establishment.

The Third Quarter opened March 20th with twenty-seven new students in attendance. Eight more will enter this week. Many of these students are taking up the Junior Work this quarter, and will continue in this institution during the Summer Quarter closing August 25th.

Dr. J. L. McBrien, of the United States Bureau of Education, a distinguished specialist in Rural Education and Rural Teacher-Training, will Monday March 27th address the students of the Normal School and hold conferences with the various classes for two days.

On April 10th, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Mears of the United States Bureau of Education will hold a conference at the Normal School representing the Home Education Division of the Bureau of Education. Dr. J. P. McConnell has arranged for them to hold a similar conference at Martha Washington College on April 11th and Virginia Intermont College at Bristol, April 12th.

One of the most interesting and significant events of the week has been the Young Women's Christian Association Conference. The Y. W. C. A. of the Radford High School was the hostess of the delegates and teachers of the various High Schools in this part of the State. Forty delegates with a number of teachers were present. The Y. W. C. A. of the Normal School gave a reception to the Radford High School Y. W. C. A., and the Normal School Y. W. C. A. gave a reception to the Radford High School Y. W. C. A. The Christian Association work has been organized in a great many of the High Schools of Southwest Virginia by Mr. W. C. McCarty, Rural Y. W. C. A. Secretary for this part of the State. His headquarters are at the Normal School.

Wise County High School Athletic Schedule.

APRIL 5TH.
East Stone Gap vs Norton, at Norton.
Wise vs Coeburn, at Coeburn.
Big Stone Gap vs Appalachia, at Big Stone Gap.

APRIL 13TH.
East Stone Gap vs Coeburn, at East Stone Gap.
Wise vs Big Stone Gap, at Wise.
Appalachia vs Norton, at Appalachia.

APRIL 22ND.
East Stone Gap vs Appalachia, at East Stone Gap.
Big Stone Gap vs Coeburn, at Coeburn.
Wise vs Norton, at Norton.

APRIL 29TH.
East Stone Gap vs Big Stone Gap, at Big Stone Gap.
Coeburn vs Norton, at Coeburn.
Wise vs Appalachia, at Appalachia.

MAY 6TH.
East Stone Gap vs Wise, at Wise.
Coeburn vs Appalachia, at Appalachia.
Big Stone Gap vs Norton, at Norton.

The Volley Ball schedule will be the same as the Base Ball. I could not find a copy of last year's schedule, consequently I made this from memory. I have tried to have reverse order. Big Stone Gap and East Stone Gap are given only two games each at home for the reason that the field day will be on their grounds; since I presume that East Stone Gap will more than likely play at Big Stone Gap.

Respectfully,
J. N. HILLMAN,
Division Superintendent.

With a salary of \$670,000 a year, Charley Chaplin is a living example of the fact that even a fool strikes it rich once in awhile.

Bowling Tournament.

Saturday night the Big Stone Gap Bowling team and several friends, were the guests of the Bristol Y. M. C. A. Bowling team, in a 5 man team match. Bristol team won two games out of three.

The Bristol scores were as follows:

T. L. Smith	142, 149, 161
A. O. Searle	145, 171, 133
G. A. Throap	131, 136
Mr. Sisler	102
S. N. Christian	171, 201, 198
Frank Winston	154, 163, 143

Big Stone Gap scores were as follows:

Josh Ballitt, Jr.	169, 137, 150
A. J. Holton	166, 163, 144
J. P. Horne	148, 121, 126
R. D. Morrison	156, 161, 123
Dr. Steehr	158, 112, 106

A large and enthusiastic crowd of Bristol ladies and gentlemen were present. The following gentlemen from Big Stone Gap also witnessed the game: Messrs. J. F. Bullitt, D. M. Hodges, H. P. Young, G. G. McFerran and J. W. Gaut. After the tournament an elaborate luncheon was served in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The third game of the tournament will be played at Big Stone Gap in a short time. The score at present stands one game in favor of Big Stone Gap and one in favor of Bristol, and the next game, will, no doubt, be an interesting one.

Arm Cut Off By Train.

Gale Linkous, car inspector for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Appalachia, had the misfortune to lose his right arm Saturday morning on the railroad yards, while performing his duties. It is stated he was testing the air hose while the train was in motion and stumbled on a rock and fell with his arm across the track, the wheels severing it near the elbow. Mr. Linkous is a young married man and formerly lived at Cadot, where his parents still live.

Surprise Party.

Little Miss Kate Lewis Pettit was given a very enjoyable surprise Friday night by a number of her little friends, who met at the corner of the Baptist Church, and came in a body to her home at eight o'clock to give her a party, bringing with them delicious sandwiches, cakes, pickles and candies. After playing many children's games Mrs. Pettit delightfully surprised them with delicious orange sherbet and cake.

Those present were: Misses Lucy Morrison, Polly Kelly, Ruth Barron, Bonnie Catron, Caroline Goodloe, Henrietta Skeen, Alma Wells, Agnes Baker and Nita Goodloe.

The boys were: Frank Parks, Clarence Shunk, Henry Morrison, Harry Kelly, Carl and Victor Baker, William and George Goodloe.

Young Man Pleads Guilty.

Freeling, Va., March 24.—Columbus Stanley, a young man of the lower section of Dickenson county, against whom there was an indictment upon the charge of forging a bank note, pleaded guilty to the charge in Judge Burns' court today, and was given a term of three years in the penitentiary. The case attracted some attention, as Stanley was largely connected in the county.

Middlesboro Furnace Now in Operation.

The furnace of the Virginia Iron & Coal Co., at Middlesboro, which has lain idle for the past eight years, was put in blast on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. The fire which started the big furnace going was lighted by Mrs. A. Arthur, widow of the founder of the Magic City, and the occasion was made a gala one by the citizens. The furnace had lain idle so long that it required a large force of men three months to get the plant in shape for operation.

The starting of the furnace means much to our neighboring city, as it will give employment to over 300 men.—Pineville Sun.

Close After Villa.

U. S. Forces Reported at Madera—Carranza Soldiers Co-operating in the Chase.

El Paso, Tex., March 27.—The Villa forces, reported two days ago to be engaged in battle with Colonel Cano at Eloso, five miles south of Namiqupa, escaped without any real fighting, according to a message to General Gaviro, made public here tonight by Consul Garcia. The message said the followers of Villa were now at San Gerónimo, a ranch some miles south of Eloso, and that five columns of American troops were co-operating with the troops of General Carranza.

Americans reaching here today from Pearson and Casas Grandes said Villa had outwitted his pursuers by splitting his forces, leaving one body to hold in check the Carranza forces in the neighborhood of Namiqupa, while he himself, at the head of a picked force, is trying to break through the lines of his enemies south of Madera.

According to reports from usually reliable sources American cavalry reached Madera yesterday and should be close on the heels of the fugitives today. From Madera, a mountain trail winds south and southeast through the Sierra Maderas, until lost in the wild and barren country south of Minaca. Known for years as "Pancho's road," it was popularly believed to have been broken by the bandit and its intricacies are known to but few besides him. Ben Harris, a veteran scout now living here, declared today that had Villa succeeded in reaching the Pataca, 30 miles south of Madera, the task of finding him would be a hopeless one.

The border took much interest today in the report from Washington that an agreement had been reached in substance between the first chief and Washington, which would permit General Funston to use the Mexican railroads. This is expected by persons here familiar with the border to be the supreme test as to whether friction with the Mexican people is to be averted and a real co-operation established. The alarmists on the border were unusually quiet today.

A Mexican cowboy arrived here today insisting that he had seen Villa himself with about 200 men entering the Santa Clara canyon southeast of Namiqupa yesterday morning.

Senior Class Entertained.

Saturday afternoon from three thirty to six o'clock the members of the Senior Class were delightfully entertained by the three High Schools teachers, Miss Nell VanGorder, E. C. Akers and Prof. A. J. Wolfe, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe.

In playing Progressive Rook Peter Wolfe, Jr., made the highest score and in the guessing contest Billy Baker guessed correctly the greatest number of words and won the prize, a box of Stationery.

After these games lunch cloths were placed on each of the tables, where delicious ice cream and cake, followed by black coffee and salted almonds, were served by Misses Lillian Wolfe, Edith and Ethel VanGorder, to the members of the Senior Class who were present, who were: Misses Eula Tackett, Matt Nickels, Lillian Head, Gladys Lile, Alma Flannery, Mary Gilly, Nettie Willis, Eunice Darnell and Laura Marrs. The boys were: Paul Wolfe, Peter Wolfe, Billy Baker, Lester Jesse, Oliver Swan, Sidney Mullins, John Graham and John Lane.

There are two classes of people in every town. The first never loses an opportunity to better their own condition in all legitimate ways and at the same time advance the interests of the community as a whole. The other class—well, they are just the other class, and that's all.